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DIARY NOTES

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22 July 1958

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1. [REDACTED] reports that the Public Buildings Service expects to advertise for the Excavation and Foundation Contract by 4 August and wants about two weeks for bidding. He still believes that they will let the contract during the month of August. H

2. I approved of H. S. going on leave from 25 August to 2 September.

3. I asked H. S. to give me his recommendation soon as to when we should have our cornerstone ceremony. H

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4. I discussed [REDACTED] the request [REDACTED] to increase the number of their personnel from 125 to 250 and emphasized that Ting Sheldon should not make a commitment on this in view of the most serious situation involved. I feel that the Director may have to make this decision if [REDACTED] insists on going to 250.

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5. Jim Garrison talked to me again about his surplus personnel. I assured him that if he had no jobs for these people and could not absorb them by attrition that they could be selected out. I agreed to take this up with Gordon Stewart.

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6. [REDACTED] discussed with me the selection of a cadre to go to the Middle East. I chose [REDACTED] as the 25X1A9a Chief of Support, [REDACTED] as his Deputy, and [REDACTED] as the Support 25X1A9a Planner and instructed Vernon to work out the other names on this list. I also told him that I felt strongly that we should have a Finance Officer and Personnel Officer even though these were not included on the DD/P list.

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7. I had a long discussion with [REDACTED]. I told him that I thought he should attempt to persuade both of these individuals to retire and that if they would not do so then we would have to go through the normal selection out procedure. I emphasized that their Fitness Reports---which he is in the process of making out---would have to support a selection out procedure if we were to be successful.

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25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] was up to talk to me about an unsatisfactory reply which he  
25X1A6a had received from [REDACTED] I told him 25X1A2d2  
that I thought he should go back to [REDACTED] and talk to the General about this again.  
25X1A9a I also authorized him to tell [REDACTED] of our plans for having Les  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] eventually become Chief of our Audit Staff and that if either of them wanted to see  
me I would be glad to talk with them.

25X1A9a 9. I talked to [REDACTED] about the proposed table of organization for Project  
25X1A2d2 [REDACTED], gave him a copy of [REDACTED] paper on the subject, and asked him 25X1A9a  
to study it and then get in touch with Bob. (On 24 July Gordon Stewart called me about  
this and said that he wanted to make some very minor adjustments so that Chick could  
go ahead with one or two pressing promotions and defer the rest until [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
came back. I approved.)

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